

## NOTE TO USERS OF HISTORICAL STATISTICS

For accurate historical statistics for 1987–97, use only the detailed statistical tables in this report and not those published earlier. As a result of a new sample design, statistics for 1988–91 have been revised since their original publication. These revised statistics were first published in *Research and Development in Industry: 1992* (NSF 95-324) and better reflect R&D performance among firms in the nonmanufacturing industries and small firms in all industries. Also, before the 1995 survey cycle, data for previous years were reviewed for consistency with current year responses and were revised systematically during processing. This practice of routinely revising already published statistics has been discontinued. Because of these changes, this report contains the latest revised statistics from the Survey of Industrial Research and Development for 1987–97. These changes and others are discussed in section B.